

water and fat are both scarce if they don't look a little out.

#### LIVE SCHOOLS

I visited Pony Creek a few days ago, and gave several illustrated talks. Visited several schools, taught by Howard Miller, Frank Deavers and Norman Spangler. All were in prime condition and very much alive. Schools in the hands of such young men are safe and will turn out good work. At the last school, near brother Jake Lichty's, they had an entertainment and the speeches of the little tots were fine. I do not know when I enjoyed an hour so much, and wish I could name all. Bro. Burnsworth has been employed for another year at Pony Creek and North Bethany. It would be a good thing if some of these young teachers would go to preaching. It would only be changing plows for a little deeper work.

#### FEET WASHING TROUBLES THEM

During our meeting at Hamlin, which was closed by the snow storm, and which will reopen again Dec. 11th, I preached a sermon on feet washing as church ordinance. It seems to trouble the Christian preacher and he is trying to refute it. A hearer writes me: "The washing of feet he threw out altogether as an innovation picked up out of profane history, or from the Roman Hierachy, or from the early church fathers." Now Mc is a social little preacher, but he is green yet about some things, and has much to learn, and one thing is that we depend on the church fathers. Feet washing is found in John 13: 1-17. Christ in the last commission told his disciples to teach all things he had commanded them, and as he commanded feet washing we are to do as Christ said. It cannot be thrown away. Those who attempt to do it are throwing away, in their intentions at least, divine teaching and substracting from the Word. I shall be preaching on the subject again, and let on some more light.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

#### Bryan, Ohio

*Bryan.* The work here is moving onward with Christ our leader. Our communion is a thing of the past. We had a spiritual feast tho many were prevented from coming because of rain. The absence of all discussion and confusion characterized the meeting and deep meditation prevailed among all. Two souls have been added to our number by relation and one applicant for baptism, since last report. May God continue to revive His work here.

*Bethesda.* The work here is in a live condition, unity is a marked feature of this church. All seem to be alive to the deeper spiritual life. Holy communion has been celebrated here also, at which time all enjoyed themselves. Two have been restored to the class and bright prospects for other souls to come with us.

*A Missionary Tour.* Last week we essayed to go over into Fulton county to strengthen the brethren, and encourage them in the path-

way of life. While there we were used with Christian kindness by all. First we stopped with Brother and Sister Stutsman near Wauseon, with whom we had an enjoyable season. Brother Stutsman journeyed with us to Swanton, Ohio, where we went with Brother and Sister Baker who are indeed kind Christian people. They handed in their names for membership at the Bryan class. They also gave us a liberal sum for the mission cause at Washington. We are indeed glad to welcome such consecrated Christians among us. Having returned to Wauseon, Sister Stutsman's daughter Florence, a very estimable young lady, expressed her willingness to follow Christ in Christian baptism, which will be attended to soon. Here also we received help for missionary work and for ourselves. On our way homeward we stayed all night with brother Adam Eberly and wife with whom I enjoyed myself much. They expressed themselves as ready to return to the Brethren church. They loaded our buggy with good things and we pressed onward. May the richest blessings of our heavenly Father rest upon them all. Amen.

W. A. WELTY.

#### Bloomers, Ohio

Some time has passed since you have heard from the Bloomers church. But on October 22, brother Wm. Kiefer came and preached Saturday night, Sunday morning and evening, and on Monday evening we held our communion service which was enjoyed by all who participated. Not quite all of the members were present but a few came over from Pleasant Hill to enjoy the feast with us. We had no meeting for quite a while and of course enjoyed Brother Kiefer's sermons to a great extent. Brother Kiefer has quite a number of friends in our community and still keeps adding to that number and hope he may return again soon. I think we will soon have regular services. Brother White will soon take charge of us and give us regular preaching, for which we feel repaid.

I must say the EVANGELIST is quite a welcome visitor in my home, for if we do have long weeks between our sermons we gather food from the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and we are quite sure it should be in every home of the Brethren. God speed the day that it may.

MRS. QUINDARA GRUBB.

#### Gleanings From The Wayside

Slowly drifting toward the harbor nearing the golden shore, we closed our meeting at Salem on account of bad weather, and stayed home for a few days for repairs. I am now in a meeting at Poplar Grove church. Good interest, large audiences, two baptized so far and meeting continuing, pray for success in Zion. With 1898, I will close my work with the Maple Grove church, having served them nearly fifteen years in succession. I hope it may be for the better interest of pastor and people.

Brother R. R. Teeter left us rather hurried-

ly for his new field of labor at Milledgeville, Ill. Brother and Sister Teeter lodged with us during their last night in Hoosierdom. May success and prosperity attend them in their new field of labor.

Yours for salvation,

WM. M. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

#### The Poison of Human Asps

One of the Dayton, Ohio, dailies, gives the following report of a sermon by Brother Copp:

"The Poison of Human Asps" was Rev. Zed H. Copp's theme at the Clemmer Street Brethren, or Progressive Dunker church yesterday morning. At the conclusion of the opening service he leaned heavily on the Bible stand and dramatically exclaimed: "I am dying; I've been poisoned; the infernal asp bit my ancestors in Eden, and I—and you all are dying from inherent poisoning." His text was Rom. iii: 13, "The poison of asps is under their lips." He said: "The tongue is the shuttle of the loom of the jaw; language, the woof and warp of thought; and deed, the finished product." He then said that while the Lord spoke of a generation of vipers in that day—they were more numerous now—he would only mention particularly three varieties of the great scourge, namely, the Civil Asp, the Social Asp, and the Religious Asp. The poison of the civil asp was the poison of politics: the result is sectionalism. He cited the color question now agitating North Carolina, and the job and mismanagement question now confronting the administration. The result in the first instance is the death of amity, and of the second, the death of patriotism.

The poison of the social asp was the passion of indolence; the result would be anarchy. This asp was only treated in its relation to business. The manifestation of the sting is communism, ignorance, retrogression, brutality, and the widening of the great gulf now existing between capital and labor. Capital and labor were compared to the Siamese twins, to separate which was to destroy both. He said there was a promise made to man that his seed should bruise the serpent's head, and he advised every man present to so vote at Tuesday's election as to deal the whole nest of vipers the most crushing blow.

The poison of the religious asp was the passion of prejudice; the result is feudalism. Denominational dislikes were treated from various standpoints and the conclusion drawn that among them it was agreed that it were better that one should die—though that one be Christ—rather than that they should perish. Sometimes it crawls through congregations and attacks the pastor, for no other reason than that which Herodias had for wanting John's head, and the leaders, because of jealousy. The brooder of this asp is the home—here too often, said he, the church, the pastor, the Bible and even God himself are slightly spoken of, and hence we need not wonder at empty pews.

The reference to the election of tomorrow,